

Public Meeting Requirement

Intruder Detection Auditors employed by our Region 14 Education Service Center recently conducted Intruder Detection Audits at one or more district campuses in compliance with the Texas Education Code 37.1083. The audit process tests whether our campuses are accessible to an unauthorized individual. The audit seeks to help districts identify how campuses can improve safety for students and staff by ensuring exterior doors remain locked. Campus records documenting weekly exterior door sweeps are also reviewed as part of the Intruder Detection Audit process. The audits and any related findings provide the district an opportunity to create a safer learning environment for both students and staff.

The Intruder Detection Audits conducted in September resulted in findings at a one or more campuses and are being properly addressed through the execution of a corrective action plan. Specific details regarding the Intruder Detection Audit findings will be presented to the district's next School Safety & Security Committee meeting. We have worked with the campus Administration and their School Safety & Security Committees to ensure all staff receive the required relevant training and district staff continue securing doors for the protection of everyone at our campuses.

It is reasonable to expect that parents and community members may be interested in reviewing details of the Intruder Detection Audit findings. However, the Texas Education Agency along with a recent Attorney General Opinion direct school districts to refrain from sharing specific audit findings beyond the School Safety & Security Committee and the Board during Closed Session as doing so could lead to compromising important campus security safeguards.

2025-2026 School Year

This school year every single one of the 795 exterior doors on 23 campuses will be checked through the Intruder Detection Audit process, along with thousands of interior doors. Abilene ISD, it's campus administration and support staff do a

stellar job implementing our five commitments to campus safety which were collaboratively developed in the summer of 2024.

- Push and Pull campaign
- Weekly or Bi-monthly safety reports to the campus
- Peer to Peer sharing of best practices among administrators
- Safety Culture building on campuses through student led activities
- All-Staff safety awareness campaign

The 2025-2026 Intruder Detection Audit results represent an opportunity to test our systems and potentially make improvement to those systems in the best interest of our students and staff.